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SUBJ: RHODESIA: INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IS SIGNED

1. THE SABC-TV ANNOUNCED TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 15, THAT THE INTERNAL NATIONALIST LEADERS AND PM SMITH HAD SIGNED AN INTERNAL AGREEMENT AFTER A TWO-HOUR MEETING TODAY IN SALISBURY. THE AGREEMENT WAS BASED ON THE ORIGINAL SMITH EIGHT POINTS ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN ON THE CONTROVERSIAL ITEM ABOUT GUARANTEED WHITE SEATS. THE SABC-TV COMMENTATOR SAID ONE OBSERVER SPECULATED THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS BASED ON 16 GUARANTEED WHITE SEATS, WITH THE CANDIDATES TO BE NOMINATED BY WHITES BUT THE PARLIAMENTARIANS TO BE CHOSEN BY THE COMMON ROLE.

2. IN ATTENDANCE AT THE TIME OF THE SIGNING WERE ONLY THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS. THESE INCLUDED SMITH, MUZOREWA AND CHIRAU,
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AS SITHOLE HAD REPORTEDLY JUST LEFT FOR LIBYA, HE WAS REPRESENTED BY DR. GABELLAH.

3. THE NEWS ITEM QUOTED SMITH AS SAYING THE AGREEMENT WAS A "VICTORY FOR MODERATION". SOUTH AFRICA'S PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT " ANYONE WHO CONTRIBUTES TO THE PEACE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS SOUTH AFRICA'S BLESSING."

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